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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL BASED ON MULTIPLE INPUT REFERENCES IN A VIDEO DECODER

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

| Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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| 10/748,966 | NAVE, JAMES E. | |
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 5/28/08.

- The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-24 renumbered as 1-19 respectively.
- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- 4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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- Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date
- 7. T Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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